

**Conservation Commission Minutes  
Tuesday, March 8, 2011  
Town Hall Meeting Room, Old Town Rd.  
5:30pm**

**Present:** Members: Chair Ned Phillips Jr., Donald Littlefield, Leslie Slate, and Fred Leeder.  
**Absent:** John Hopf, David Roosa, and Marea Mott. Also present was Terri Chmiel for the recording of the minutes.

**Call to Order**

Chair Mr. Phillips, Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:50p.m.

**Approval of Minutes of January 11, 2011 and February 8, 2011**

A motion was made by Mr. Leeder and seconded by Mr. Slate to approve the minutes of January 11, 2011 with a minor change in wording for the February 8, 2011. The motion carried with all in favor.

4 Ayes (Phillips, Littlefield, Slate, Leeder)                      0 Nays  
3 Absent (Hopf, Roosa, Mott)

**Old Business**

**a. Update on funding for dune restoration and repair of access points**

Members of the board will meet on Sunday, March 13, 2011 at 1:30pm to put up fencing near Scotch Beach.

**b. Discuss Oyster Habitat Restoration**

The Conservation Commission is waiting on the decision from the Town Council in regards to the support of the Oyster Habitat Restoration.

**c. Update Hazard Mitigation.**

No report at this time.

**Correspondence**

**a. Discuss correspondence received from Chris Warfel dated February 20, 2011 regarding composting plan.**

The board acknowledged that composting on Block Island was a great idea.

**b. Land & Water Conservation Summit.**

Mr. Phillips reported that a Land & Water Conservation Summit will be held on Saturday, March 26, 2011 at the URI Memorial Union, Kingston Campus. Ms. Chmiel will look into reimbursement for board members.

**Discuss Concept Proposal submitted by Herman Hassinger.**

Discussion ensued regarding the plans submitted by Herman Hassinger regarding Plat 6 Lots 146 & 147. The board sent a letter dated February 28, 2011 to the Town Council in favor of a staircase by the wishing well as referenced in the book "Images of America Block Island".

**New Business**

**a. Discuss letter from John Hopf to Herman Hassinger, Doug Gilpin, and Block Island Times dated February 23, 2011.**

This item was tabled for the next meeting.

**Discuss Composting Conference Sponsored by Environment Council of Rhode Island.**

Mr. Phillips, Jr. and Mr. Leeder plan to attend the Composting Conference sponsored by the Environment Council of Rhode Island held Tuesday, March 22, 2011 in Providence.

**Discuss Earth Day Grant Program.**

Mr. Phillips, Jr. discussed a grant that is available from Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) for clean-up and beautification projects. Mr. Phillips suggested holding a workshop on evasive plant removal at the Ball O'Brien Skateboard Park and through the grant purchase weed wrenches. The board was in agreement on applying for the grant. The deadline for the grant is March 11, 2011.

**Preliminary discussion Coonymus Beach Road Access**

Discussion ensued regarding the extension of Coonymus Beach Road. This path was approved by CRCM and the path was not abandon by the Town.

**Election of Officers**

This item was tabled for the next meeting.

**Adjourn**

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:28p.m. in a motion by Mr. Leeder and seconded by Mr. Littlefield and voted unanimously.

4 Ayes (Phillips, Littlefield, Slate, Leeder)  
3 Absent (Hopf, Roosa, Mott)

0 Nays

Respectfully submitted  
Terri L. Chmiel

Minutes approved: April 12, 2011